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# In the Claims:

- 1. (currently amended) A prosthesis for implant in a human body containing a rupture indicator comprising:
- (a) an at least one elastomeric external envelope; of medical grade elastomer containing a fluid-material and a biologically compatible chemical indicator for indicating rupture of said prosthesis, and
- (b) an internal envelope of medical grade clastomer disposed within said external envelope, said internal envelope containing an implant <u>a</u> filling material contained in the elastomeric envelope; and
- a rupture indicator biocompatible with the human body contained within the elastomeric envelope capable of leaking out of the envelope and causing a detectable body change.
- 2. (currently amended) The prosthesis containing a rupture indicator of Cclaim 1, wherein said biologically compatible chemical the rupture indicator is a at least one dye.
- 3. (currently amended) The prosthesis containing a rupture indicator of Gclaim 2, wherein said biologically compatible chemical the rupture indicator is methylene blue.
- 4. (currently amended) The prosthesis centaining a rupture indicator of Cclaim 2, wherein said biologically compatible chemical indicator the rupture indicator is at least one-selected from the group consisting of aurintricarboxylic acid (ATA), halogenated ATA, sulfonated ATA, sulfonated-halogenated ATA, phosphorylated ATA, anazolene sodium, eosine I bluish, eosine yellowish, erythrosine, Evan's blue (EB), fast green FCF, fuchin(e) acid, iodophthalein sodium, rose bengal, sulfobromophthalein sodium, suramin sodium, trypan blue, trypan red, rosaniline chloride, crystal violet, methyl blue, methyl green, coomassie blue, basic fuchsin, malachite green, brilliant green, aniline blue, brilliant cresyl blue, safranin O, ethyl violet, pararosaniline acetate, methyl violet, direct

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yellow, direct red, ponceau S, ponceau SS, nitrosulfonazo III, chicago sky blue 6B, calcion or RG-13577, FD&C red No. 3, FD&C red No. 40, FD&C blue No. 1, and FD&C yellow No. 5, and combinations of these.

- 5. (currently amended) The prosthesis containing a rupture indicator of Colaim 1, wherein said-biological compatible chemical the rupture indicator is an odour generating agent which generates a smell as the detectable body change when leaking out from eaid the prosthesis.
- 6. (currently amended) The prosthesis containing a rupture indicator of <u>Gclaim 1</u>, wherein <u>said biological compatible chemical the rupture</u> indicator is a sensation agent which causes a local sensation <u>as the detectable body change</u> when leaking out from <u>said the prosthesis</u>.
- 7. (currently amended) The prosthesis containing a rupture indicator of Cclaim 1, wherein said the prosthesis is a breast prosthesis.
- 8. (currently amended) The prosthesis containing a rupture indicator of Cclaim 1, wherein said the prosthesis is at least one-implanted in a portion of the human body selected from the group consisting of brow, nose, cheek, chin, lips, pectoral, triceps, and biceps, genitals, buttocks, and calf prestheses.
- 9. (currently amended) The prosthesis containing a rupture indicator of Cclaim 1, wherein said external lumen further comprises a filling means valve disposed in the elastomeric envelope for filling said fluid material adding or removing rupture indicator to or from the prosthesis.

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- 10. (currently amended) The cosmetic and reconstructive prosthesis containing a rupture-indicator of Cclaim 9, wherein said filling means the valve is a self-sealing valve.
- 11. (currently amended) A method of detecting rupture of a c<del>osmetic and reconstructive</del> prosthesis in a human body, comprising:
- (a) surgically implanting a prosthesis centaining a biologically compatible chemical indicator having at least one elastomeric envelope and a filling material contained therein for indicating rupture of said prosthesis in a location of a patient the body in need of said prosthesis; and

adding into the prosthesis a rupture indicator biocompatible with the human body, capable of leaking out of the envelope and causing a detectable body change; and

(b)detecting the body change caused by the rupture a change of a body secretion or peripheral blood for indication of leaking out of said indicator upon leaking out from said the prosthesis.

- 12. (currently amended) The method of Colaim 11, wherein the detectable body change is a change in a said-body secretion is at least-one selected from the group consisting of urine, saliva, perspiration and feces, and combinations of these.
- 13. (currently amended) The method of Cclaim 42 11, wherein said change the detectable body change is a presence of said chemical the indicator or a metabolized product thereof in said at least one body secretion or peripheral blood.
- 14. (currently amended) The method of <u>G</u>laim 12, wherein <u>said</u> <u>the</u> change is an odour <u>from said indicator in said emanating from the</u> body secretion.

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- 15. (currently amended) The method of Cclaim 12, wherein said the change is a color change of at least one of said body secretion.
- 16. (currently amended) The method of <u>claim 11, wherein the detectable body change</u> is <u>detecting rupture of a cosmetic and reconstructive prosthesis comprising:</u>
- (a) surgically implanting a prosthesis containing a biologically compatible chemical indicator for indicating rupture of said prosthesis in a location of a patient-body in-need of said prosthesis; and
- (b) detecting a change locally to a portion of the body around said the prosthesis for indication of loaking out of said indicator from said prosthesis.
- 17. (currently amended) The method of Cclaim 16, wherein said change the detectable body change is a local skin color change.
- 18. (currently amended) The method of Cclaim 16, wherein said change the detectable body change is a local sensation.
- 19. (cancelled)
- 20. (new) The prosthesis of claim 1, further comprising two elastomeric envelopes, a first elastomeric envelope containing the filling material and a second elastomeric envelope containing the rupture indicator, the second envelope external to the first envelope, and wherein the detectable body change alerts a user of rupture of the external envelope and impending rupture of the first internal envelope and the filling material contained therein.
- 21. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein the prosthesis further comprises two elastomeric envelopes, first elastomeric envelope containing the filling material and a

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second elastomeric envelope containing the rupture indicator, the second envelope external to the first.

- 22. (new) The method of claim 21, wherein the detectable body change alerts a user of rupture of the external envelope and impending rupture of the first internal envelope and filling material contained therein.
- 23. (new) A method of detecting impending rupture of a prosthesis in a human body, comprising:

implanting in a location of the body a prosthesis having two elastomeric envelopes, a first elastomeric envelope containing the filling material and a second elastomeric envelope external to the first envelope;

adding within the external envelope a rupture indicator biocompatible with the human body, capable of leaking out and causing a detectable body change upon rupture of the second external envelope; and

detecting the body change caused by the rupture indicator upon leaking out from the external envelope prior to rupture of the first internal envelope.